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Arrest today for drunk driver involved in fatal Black Friday crash

A Central Islip man pleaded not guilty today at his arraignment on a 12-count indictment charging him with aggravated vehicular homicide, aggravated DWI, speeding and other crimes, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Louis Muicela, 39, was speeding northbound on Commack Road in Commack at 4:15 a.m. on the morning after Thanksgiving last year when he blew a red light and struck a 2011 Lincoln Town Car traveling westbound on Jericho Turnpike.

Karl Njerve, 42, of Port Jefferson Station, operating the Town Car for a car service, was pronounced dead at the scene. Tests of Muicela's blood showed he had a .21 blood alcohol level after the crash.

The investigation of the collision shut down Jericho Turnpike on "Black Friday" morning for eight hours.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho set cash bail for Muicela at \$250,000, or \$500,000 bond.



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